

JAMES O. BEAN.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 776.]

JANUARY 24, 1857.

Mr. PIKE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

## REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James O. Bean, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report:*

That from documents in the Pension Office, it appears that the petitioner served as a private in Captain Romaine's company, in the 3d regiment of United States artillery, eighteen months from the 10th day of March, 1813. On the roll of said company, from the 30th of June, 1813, to the 31st of August, 1813, the petitioner is noted as "sick." Other evidence in the case fully corroborates the service and sickness of the petitioner.

From the evidence it further appears, that the petitioner was but sixteen years of age at the time of his enlistment into said service; that the company to which he belonged was, in military parlance, "heavy artillery;" that prior to the sickness of the petitioner, it had forced marches, and that the soldiers were much exposed to the cold and inclemencies of a rigorous climate—in the northern part of the State of New York, and in Canada.

The diseases contracted by him in the army are described in the testimony of his physician as "chronic affection of the liver, chronic diarrhœa, indigestion, disorder in his kidneys and urinary organs, accompanied by general debility." That he contracted these diseases in the service of the United States is satisfactorily proved.

Dr. Hadley testified that he knew the petitioner as long ago as 1811; that he was, "from 1815 or 1816, his family physician for a number of years, and had prescribed more or less for the petitioner up to 1853; that he was, during all this time, troubled with the before mentioned diseases." Dr. Towle testifies that he had been acquainted with petitioner for more than thirty years last past, and that he had, during the whole of said time, been troubled with said diseases. He further says, "I am well satisfied that these diseases were occasioned by exposure while in the United States service, in the war of 1812." The evidence further proves the petitioner to have been totally disabled for many years past, with no hope of ever obtaining relief. We are satisfied the petitioner has made out a case which clearly entitles him to relief, and we recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

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[To accompany bill H. R. 117]

JANUARY 31, 1837

Mr. Fiske, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reads the following

# REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James O. Bean, have had the same under consideration, and now have to report:

That from documents in the Pension Office, it appears that the petitioner served as a private in Captain Henshaw's company, in the 24th regiment of United States artillery, eighteen months from the 10th day of March, 1812. On the roll of said company, from the 20th of June, 1812, to the 21st of August, 1812, the petitioner is noted as being present. Other evidence in the case fully corroborates the service and ability of the petitioner.

From the evidence it further appears that the petitioner was but sixteen years of age at the time of his enlistment into said service; that the company to which he belonged was in military engagements; that prior to the service of the petitioner, it had been ordered, and that the soldiers were much exposed to the cold and inclemencies of a rigorous climate—in the northern part of the State of New York, and in Canada.

The disease contracted by him in the army are described in the testimony of his physician as "chronic affections of the liver, chronic diarrhoea, indigestion, rheumatism in his limbs, and various other diseases, accompanied by general debility." That he contracted these diseases in the service of the United States is satisfactorily proved.

The latter testified that he knew the petitioner as long ago as 1811, that he was "from 1810 to 1816, his family physician for a number of years, and had prescribed more or less for the petitioner up to 1822, that he was during all this time, troubled with the disease mentioned in his testimony; that he had been acquainted with the petitioner for many years, that thirty years had past, and that he had, during the whole of said time, been troubled with said disease. He further says, "I am well satisfied that these diseases were contracted by the petitioner while in the United States service in the war of 1812." The evidence further proves the petitioner to have been totally disabled for many years past, with no hope of ever obtaining relief. We are satisfied that the petitioner has made out a case which clearly entitles him to relief, and we recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.